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**DCS Commissioner taps local employee as Governor's meth Task force designee**

**PUTNAM COUNTY, TENN** - DCS Commissioner Viola Miller today announced East Tennessee native Betsy Dunn as the commissioner's designee to Governor Bredesen's Task Force on Methamphetamine Abuse, which will meet for the first time today, April 27, at 1:00 p.m. EST, in Nashville.

The Task Force, established by executive order on April 7, is charged with developing a comprehensive strategy for addressing the manufacture, trafficking and abuse of methamphetamine in Tennessee. Task Force recommendations are due to the Governor no later than September 1.

"I am very proud to name Betsy as my designee," said DCS Commissioner Viola Miller. "She is one of the most valuable resources on methamphetamine abuse in our state and I am proud to say she works for DCS."

Dunn has worked for the department for more than 15 years and currently serves on the front lines as a child protective services case manager III in Putnam County. She is the daughter of Mr. Paul E. and Mrs. Martha Tipton Dunn.

Dunn, 37, is a Knoxville native. She holds a bachelors degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, TN.

For more information on the Governor's Task Force, please visit the Governor's website: [www.state.tn.us/governor](http://www.state.tn.us/governor) .

Further DCS information can be found by visiting [www.state.tn.us/youth](http://www.state.tn.us/youth) .

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